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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Paul Baker, Reclamation Biologist

RE:

Site Inspection, Round Valley Rock, Inc., Round Valley Rock

Quarry, S/029/004, Morgan County, Utah

Date of Inspection:

April 24, 2002

Time of Inspection:

10:30 to 11:00 AM

Conditions:

Clear, 50's

Participants:

Paul Baker, DOGM; Joseph Rees, Round Valley Rock

Purpose of Inspection:

Because of the amount of production being reported in the annual report, there were concerns whether the site was still within the five-acre limitation for a small mine.

Getting to the site:

Take the Round Valley exit from I-84 a few miles east of Morgan. Go to the north side of the freeway, and Mr. Rees's house is on the right (approximately east) side of the road. The quarry is about ½ mile to the west then up a small canyon. To get there requires going partway up a concrete-paved private driveway then turning on to an asphalt road.

Observations:

We paced part of the pit area and made a gross estimate of the quarry size from that measurement. The quarry itself appears to be no more than about two acres. There are additional disturbed areas, but I do not believe they are larger than about two additional acres for a total of four acres. The operator is able to extract a large amount of rock from a relatively small area because of the height of the highwall (Photo 1 through 3).



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There is not a lot of topsoil available to be salvaged, but there is some, particularly in the drainages (Photo 3).

Conclusions and Recommendations:

The operator and the Division should continue to monitor the size of the disturbed area, but, for now, it appears to be less than the five-acre limit for a small mine.

Because there is a limited amount of soil in the area, any available soil, such as that shown in Photo 3, should be salvaged for later use in reclamation.

cc: Round Valley Rock
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ATTACHMENT

Photographs S/029/004, Round Valley Rock Quarry, Round Valley Rock, Inc. Inspection Dated: April 24, 2004; Report Dated: March 2, 2004



Photo 1. View looking approximately east at part of the highwall

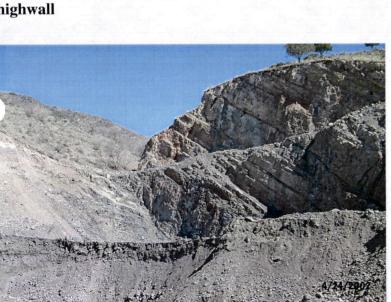


Photo 2. View looking approximately north at the highwall.



Photo 3. Note the soil in the swale.